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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Specification

Please substitute the following amended paragraph(s) and/or section(s) (deleted matter is shown by strikethrough and added matter is shown by underlining):

At page 1, line 26 to page 2, line 2, please replace the paragraph with the following:

In a first aspect, the invention pertains to a kit comprising a guide pin or guide assembly and an immobilization/fusion element. The immobilization element comprises a biocompatible material with a size and shape suitable for placement within the sacroiliac joint of a human patient. In some embodiments, the kit comprises a cutting guide with elements for positioning the cutting guide to align a cutting element within the sacroiliac joint, generally along the axis of the joint, i.e., in the crack of the joint or its ~~extra-reticular~~ extra-articular recess. In some embodiments, the kit can further comprise a drill bit and/or a cannula.